

was heard from Hilda Solis, Secretary, Department of Labor; Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy; and Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM EXTENSION AND REFORM ACT OF 2011 (CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, 2012)

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2608, the “Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011” (Continuing Appropriations, 2012). The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, as modified by the amendment printed in Part B of the report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

NASA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “NASA Human Spaceflight Past, Present, and Future: Where Do We Go from Here?” Testimony was heard from Neil A. Armstrong, Commander, Apollo 11; Captain Eugene A. Cernan USN (ret.), Commander, Apollo 17; and public witnesses.

ENERGY POLICY AND TAX POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing on the intersection of energy policy and tax policy, with a focus on the dual priorities of comprehensive tax reform and a sustainable energy policy that addresses our economic, security, and environmental needs. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Richard E. Byrd, Jr., Commissioner, Wage and Investment Division, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing of ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

REVENUE OPTION AND REFORMING THE TAX CODE

Joint Deficit Reduction Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an overview of revenue options and reforming the tax code, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation.

RUSSIA’S UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on Russia’s upcoming elections and the struggle for public and competitive politics from Leon Aron, American Enterprise Institute, Ariel Cohen, Heritage Foundation, and Vladimir Kara-Murza, Solidarity, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Corinne Ann Beckwith, and Catharine Friend Easterly, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Arlington Cemetery Reforms, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Increase in Drug Shortages.” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “From DOE Loan Guarantee to Bankruptcy to FBI Raid: What Solyndra’s Executives Knew.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Job Creation Made Easy: The Columbia, Panama, and South Korea Free Trade Agreement.” 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing to review the impact of minimum wage increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense: Challenges in Financial Management.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “From NPOESS to JPSS: An Update on the Nation’s Restructured Polar Weather Satellite Program.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation,

hearing entitled “Review and Status of the Multi-Billion Dollar Department of Homeland Security Relocation Project in Washington, D.C. and Its Impacts on the U.S. Coast Guard.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing on work incentives in Social Security disability programs, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.